

THE GERMAN EMPIRE

The Inauguration of the German Empire in Berlin and Versailles.

Count Bismarck's Application to Attend the London Conference and Bismarck's Reply.

LOUIS NAPOLEON'S PROTEST.

The Emperor of the French, Napoleon III, has just received from Count Bismarck a letter in which the latter informs him that he has declined to attend the London Conference and Bismarck's reply.

Count Bismarck's note to M. Jules Favre is commented upon unfavorably by the German Liberal press. The *Zukunft*, the organ of Dr. Jacoby and the advanced democrats is particularly severe.

"There is no necessity," it says, "to prick the vanity of the Emperor. He is not a man of another sort, and if that should cost the lives of but a dozen German soldiers, it would be too expensive a price for the production of the classical despatch of the 18th inst."

The Prince de Joinville gives, in a letter to the *London Times*, the facts relative to his recent arrest by M. Gambetta's order. The Prince wished to serve under General d'Aurelle de Paladines with a regiment, but the General refused permission, and the Prince was present at the disaster of Orléans only as a spectator. Subsequently he renewed his proposal to General Chazuy, who accepted it, but wished his acceptance to be endorsed by M. Gambetta. The Minister at once had the Prince arrested; he was kept five days in custody, and sent to St. James by order to leave for England. The Prince had no interview with M. Gambetta; in fact, he has never seen him.

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The inauguration in Berlin—The Emperor's Proclamation—Queen Augusta's Congratulations to the Chambers—The Address of the Landtag to the Emperor William.

The German Correspondent of the 21st ult. contains the proclamation to the German people, which, having been telegraphed from Versailles, was read on the 18th by the Minister of Commerce, Count von Helldorf, in the Prussian Upper Chamber. It contains the following passages:

"We accept the imperial dignity in the consciousness of our duty to protect with German fidelity the rights of the empire and all its members, to maintain peace and to defend the independence of the empire. We accept this high office in the hope that it will be able to secure the German people from the present and future dangers of the world, and to bring about the peace and unity of the German people."

The Emperor and Queen replied in the following terms to a request that the Upper Chamber might be admitted to her presence to offer her their respectful congratulations:

"I desire to offer my sincere thanks to the members of both houses of the Landtag for the expression of their loyal sentiments. I desire to receive in person with them the congratulations of the German people, and to express to them my gratitude for the high office which has been conferred upon me."

On the 18th inst. the Proclamation of His Majesty to the German people was read in the Lower Chamber of the Landtag, and received with the same enthusiasm as in the Upper House. An address to the Emperor and Queen was immediately voted, and accepted by the Chamber the next day in the following terms:

"Most Noble and Powerful Emperor, our most beloved King, we greet you with the warmest wishes for your health and happiness. We greet you with the warmest wishes for the success of your reign, and for the peace and unity of the German people."

At your Majesty's summons the representatives of the German people have gathered in the Reichstag. We hope that the representatives of the German people will be able to secure the peace and unity of the German people, and to bring about the success of your reign."

The inauguration at Versailles. (From the London Globe, Jan. 23.) A few days after the arrival of the German Emperor at Versailles last Wednesday. On the stroke of noon the King, Emperor of the French, and the Emperor of Germany, were seated on the throne of the German Empire. The Emperor of Germany was seated on the right, and the Emperor of the French on the left. The Emperor of Germany was wearing a blue uniform, and the Emperor of the French was wearing a red uniform.

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IRELAND'S GREATEST DAY.

The Exiles at Home—Visiting Delegations—The Address to Their Countrymen—Order of the Parade and Reception To-Day.

The present home of Ireland's persecuted sons was a scene of busy life yesterday. Patriots of every station in the social world came to express their sympathy with the great struggle. From an early hour to midnight the reception rooms of the exiles were thronged with numbers of earnest admirers of the men who had stood in the breach and braved the enemy's cruellest scourge for the land they loved. It was the eve of the day when Irishmen, emancipated from tyranny, would testify in a great land of freedom the never dying love they still retained for their home across the sea. To the numerous inquiries about the ceremonies of to-day the gentlemenly secretary answered, "It is arranged that we shall leave the hotel at half-past twelve o'clock, in carriages provided by the Tammany committee. Colonel Roberts and a committee from the Tammany General Committee will accompany us from the hotel to the headquarters in Fourteenth street. A salute of honor will be fired in the square opposite this (Sweeney's) Hotel upon our departure."

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Steamer	Sails	Destination	Office
Donnerstag	Feb. 11	Bremen	29 Broadway
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CLEARED.

Steamship Idaho (R), Price, Liverpool—Williams & Gilson.
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Sun sets..... 5:27 High water..... 10:13

OCEAN STEAMERS.

DATE OF DEPARTURES FROM NEW YORK FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

Steamer	Sails	Destination	Office
Donnerstag	Feb. 11	Bremen	29 Broadway
Calcutta	Feb. 11	Calcutta	7 Bowling Green
Hermann	Feb. 11	Bremen	29 Broadway
Anglia	Feb. 11	Calcutta	7 Bowling Green
Australia	Feb. 11	Calcutta	7 Bowling Green

PORT OF NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 8, 1871.

CLEARED.

Steamship Idaho (R), Price, Liverpool—Williams & Gilson.
Steamship Hatteras, Lawrence, Norfolk, City Point and Richmond—Old Dominion Steamship Co.
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ARRIVALS.

REPORTED BY THE HERALD STEAM YACHTS.
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